

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, October 12, 2021
At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Supervisors Jim Krueger and Jack McGregor, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 5 others.

The agenda was posted at the Town Hall and on the website and the Daily Press was informed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from September 7th meeting and September 21st and 30th work meeting were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the September 7th Town Board minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to dispense the reading of the September 21st Town Board minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to dispense the reading of the September 30th Town Board minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #4131 through #4182. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to file the financial report for audit. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Sarah Boles reported that the Plan Commission addressed the two zoning requests. The Plan Commission recommended to not approve the request for a hobby farm because it is not compliant with the Comp Plan, Sec 10.6.1G Objective: Protect and manage local forested areas and other wildlife habitats. This property is located in F1, and other hobby farms exist in R1. There was also concern regarding wildlife vs. domestic animals coexisting. The Plan Commission recommended approval for the Variance request as it was compliant with the Comp Plan.

Library Report - The Library report will be posted on the website.

MOTION Made by Supervisor Krueger to suspend the agenda and move to item #8. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Special Use B Permit for Revocable Trust of Jessica Tischer for a Hobby Farm located at 43480 Ehrman Road, Town of Namakagon – The Comp Plan recommended not to approve because it did not comply with the Comp Plan as stated above in the Comprehensive Planning Report. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to deny the request because it is not compliant with the Comp Plan, Sec 10.6.1G Protect and manage local forested areas and other wildlife habitats and it is zoned F1. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Variance request for Cheryl E Johnson and William H Thomas for a new home and attached garage located at 44865 Bay Drive, Town of Namakagon.

Mike Furtak stated that in the first permit request, the county bypassed the town and thereby there never was a recommendation from the town. It is the same request. Bayfield County went to court regarding this request, and it was returned to the county by the court. Bayfield County considered the Vegetated Lake beds to be wetland. Approving the variance will lessen the impervious surface and the runoff entering lake. The Septic System will be up to code. Nothing is being done out of the criteria that should be done. There was a questionable Issue with the easement road, but there is no issue. The variance was denied the first time because it did not qualify for unnecessary burdensome or extreme hardship. However, there is no alternative. Stormwater management is in place. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to support the variance request and have Supervisor Krueger write letter of support to the county. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Tom Cummer for a Short-Term Rental located at 44900 County Hwy D, Town of Namakagon – This particular property had a permit before, but it has expired. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve recommendation for the Special Use Permit for Tom Cummer for a Short-Term Rental located at 44900 County D, Town of Namakagon. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Communications between the Town of Namakagon and Bayfield County Zoning - A response letter was received from Bayfield County. There is a reference to an email from Supervisor Krueger, but the board was unsure of what that was in reference to. There were specific questions that have not been answered. There is another incident where the county approved a garage on Juneks Point and had a discrepancy on the overhang. The local administrator said that there are restrictions, but it is the same exact thing that was approved by the county to a neighbor. The person is now working with Karl Kastrosky on the county issues. The board agreed that it seems there is nothing left to communicate.

Library room sponsorship – The Board discussed the sponsorship during budget meetings to see if this endeavor would be feasible. The expenditure was added to the budget. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the sponsorship of the Town of Namakagon library room sponsorship for \$30,000 over 3 years. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License for Garmisch Inn, LLC dba Cable Lodge, Agent Dennis Howard, 43290 Harmon Dr., Cable, WI for the premises located at 20100 County Hwy M, Cable, WI – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License for Garmisch Inn, LLC dba Cable Lodge, Agent Dennis Howard, 43290 Harmon Dr., Cable, WI for the premises located at 20100 County Hwy M, Cable, WI, contingent upon all paperwork completed. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Revisions to Ordinance #25 Public Nuisance Ordinance - Tabled.

Review Correspondence

Cable Natural History Museum Membership

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the support to the Cable Natural History Museum at the Monarch Butterfly Level of \$250. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Brick Ministries request for ARPA Funds

Tabled for discussions on expenditures of ARPA funds.

Public Comment -Joanne Schultz stated that it is interesting that Mike Furtak and Karl Kastrosky are supporting all these zoning requests. The Board noted that there was definitely more open communication with the county when Mike Furtak and Karl Kastrosky worked for the county. However, they are now working with clients and not the county. There was discussion on the Comp Plan influence with zoning requests. Sarah Boles stated that the Comp Plan has a hard job, and they are doing the best that they can in evaluating the requests that come before them. Supervisor Krueger stated that it would be good if zoning would help residents find solutions rather than just deny requests.

Chairman Rasmussen talked with Gene Dubiel regarding the snowmobile trail. Gene Dubiel had mentioned that it would be helpful if the town would consider allowing the snowmobile club to use the dozer to make the trail. The Town Board was willing to allow them to use the dozer if the operator was either Clay Burditt or Gene Dubiel.

Set date for the next Board meeting November 9, 2021 @ 7:30pm.

Public Budget Hearing, November 18, 2021 @ 7pm.

Community Dinner Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 6pm.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 8:33pm pursuant to S.19.85(1)(c) of the WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger at 9:09pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion of 2022 Budget – The only changes to be made would be to wages as discussed in closed session. There was discussion on LRIP projects for 2022, which will focus on Garmisch Road.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 9:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk